

*Amendments to the Drawings*

The attached sheets of drawings includes changes to Figures 1-5. The sheets, which includes Figures 1-5, replaces the original sheets including those same Figures.

Figures 1-5 have been amended to include the legend "Prior Art".

Attachment: Replacement Sheet – Figures 1-5

## *REMARKS*

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the very thorough consideration given the present application.

Claims 1-7 are now present in this application. Amendments have been made to the Title, Abstract of the Disclosure and the drawings. Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

### *I. Priority Under 35 U.S.C. § 119*

Applicant thanks the Examiner for acknowledging Applicant's claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119, and receipt of the certified priority document.

### *II. Objection to the Drawings*

The Examiner has objected to the drawings because Figures 1-5 should be designated by a legend such as "Prior Art" .

In order to overcome this objection, Applicant is concurrently submitting Replacement Drawing Sheets for the Examiner's approval, which address each of the deficiencies pointed out by the Examiner. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of this objection are respectfully requested.

### *III. Title of the Invention*

Applicant has amended the Title of the Invention in order to better reflect the subject matter claimed.

### *IV. Abstract of the Disclosure*

Applicant has amended the Abstract of the Disclosure in order to place it in better form.

### *V. Additional Cited References*

Since the remaining references cited by the Examiner have not been utilized to reject the claims, but have merely been cited to show the state of the art, no comment need be made with respect thereto.

### *VI. Conclusion*

All of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider all presently outstanding objections and that they be withdrawn. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance.

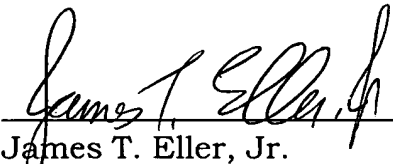
If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone James T. Eller, Jr., Registration No. 39,538, at (703) 205-8000, in the Washington, D.C. area.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Amendment is respectfully requested.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachment(s): Replacement Drawing Sheets (4 sheets) – Figures 1-5  
Abstract of the Disclosure